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STATE DIVISION FOR FISHERIES IS ENDORSED

Ely's Proposal To Set Up Department for Commercial Industry Gets 100 Per Cent Approval at Conference

(Special to the Times.)

State House, February 21.—The fishing industry of Massachusetts conveyed its unanimous approval yesterday afternoon to the legislators on the proposal of Governor Ely to set up in the department of agriculture a division devoted to the interests of the commercial fishermen.

At a conference attended by representatives of the fishermen, and fish dealers of the state, heads of the departments of agriculture and conservation, members of the committee on state administration, and other interested parties, the recommendations of the Governor in his annual message to the legislature to help the fishing industry was thoroughly discussed.

Would Assist Fishermen.

Governor Ely offered the suggestion at the opening of the present session that the state, through the department of agriculture, assist commercial fishermen in marketing their products in the same way that agriculture is now aided. This would be brought about by the setting up of a division within the department of agriculture.

Senator Cornelius F. Haley of Rowley, chairman of the committee on state administration, conducted the conference in conjunction with the Massachusetts Industrial and Development Commission which has been in close touch with the problems of the commercial fishermen.

A drab picture of conditions was portrayed at the conference by representatives of the fishermen concerning the fishing industry in this state. What the fishermen want is assistance from the commonwealth in marketing their products just as the farmers of the state now enjoy. The legislators present were reminded that the department of agriculture, through its various activities, has "erected an attractive store which draws attention from customers in the state." The fishermen asked that a corner of this "store" be turned over to them so that the buying public would patronize the oldest industry in the state.

The State division of fisheries and game, located in the department of conservation, declared Representative Joseph D. Rolfe of Newbury, has built up the fisheries in this state for the benefit of the sportsmen to a remarkable degree. He believed the legislature should "turn its back for a while on the sportsmen" and assist the commercial fisheries.

Mayor Parker Speaks.

Mayor Parker of Gloucester urged assistance for the fishing fleets who, he said, are in dire need of assistance from the state.

Commissioner Arthur W. Gilbert of the State Department of Agriculture felt that his branch could conduct an efficient division to assist the fishing industry and give the fishermen some of the benefits now enjoyed by the farmers.

William A. L. Bazeley, state commissioner of conservation, was in favor of anything to help the fishermen. "He most certainly needs it," said Bazeley. The reason nothing could be done to assist the fishermen by the fisheries and game division in the past is the fact that the legislature would give the division no money. He said if the commercial fishermen presented the solid front before the ways and means committee in favor of their interests as the sportsmen have done in the past, the legislature might have done something to help them. "The sportsmen," he said, "see to it that the money they pay in licenses and fees is spent in turn by the state for their benefit."

Other Speakers.

Former Senator George A. Schofield of Ipswich, Representative Herbert W. Urquhart of Georgetown, Representative Ernest J. Dean of Chilmark and Raymond J. Kenney, supervisor of fisheries and game were among those present.

At the conclusion of the hearing Senator Haley suggested that all parties at interest get together and submit a proposal to the committee on state administration which they would deem the best method of carrying out the governor's recommendations.

FAIR SUPPLY OVER HOLIDAY

DRAGGERS AND TRAWLERS GAVE LOCAL DEALERS FAIR SUPPLY OF FISH.

Local dealers received a fairly good supply of groundfish over the holiday, when several druggers and trawlers landed fares running from a few hundred pounds up to 5000 pounds. All told, about 30,000 pounds of groundfish arrived in small trawlers and shore druggers, while gill net receipts for the two days, Tuesday and yesterday, amounted to 18,000 pounds. On Tuesday 10 of the fleet landed a total catch of 9300 pounds and yesterday nine boats brought back a total catch of 8700 pounds.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Eva G. Clark, dragging, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Gertrude E., trawling, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Capt. Drum, dragging, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Little Joe, dragging, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Carlo and Vence, dragging, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Uncle Sam, dragging, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Rose Marie, trawling, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

1139 C., trawling, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Yesterday's Arrivals.

Josie, dragging, 1000 lbs. fresh fish. Florence and John, trawling, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

St. Peter, dragging, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

St. Providenza, dragging, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Antonina, dragging, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Helen L., trawling, 1100 lbs. fresh fish.

Sally Joseph, trawling, 900 lbs. fresh fish.

D. 231, trawling, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

C. 4261, trawling, 1400 lbs. fresh fish. C. 6487, trawling, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.

D. 11, trawling, 1500 lbs. fresh fish. A. 3277, trawling, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.

Killarney, via Boston.

Babe Sears, via Boston.

Olivia Brown, via Boston.

Evelina M. Goulart, via Boston.

Alpar, via Boston.

Natale II., via Boston.

Marjorie Parker, shore.

Ethel B. Penny, shore.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Joanna, 700 lbs. fresh fish.

Edna Fae, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Alicia, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Nashawena, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Liboria C., 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Enterprise, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Lucretia, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Naomi Bruce III., 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sailed.

Cape Ann trawling.

Elvira Gasper, dragging.

Alvan T. Fuller, dragging.

Laura Goulart, haddocking.

Funchal, shore.

John A. Cooney, dragging.

Mary M., trawling.

Emma Marie, dragging.

On the Railways.

Sch. Killarney and boat St. Providenza are on Parkhurst's railways. The gill netter Elizabeth and James is on Rocky Neck railways.

Feb. 23

HALIBUT FARE AT BOSTON PIER

**POLLYANNA BRINGS 25,000
POUNDS—GROUND FISH RE-
CEIPTS ARE HEAVY.**

Twenty-one vessels brought 760,000 pounds of groundfish and 175,000 pounds of mixed fish to the Boston fish pier, this morning.

Yesterday schooner Pollyanna, Capt. Eric Carlson, arrived at the fish pier with 25,000 pounds of halibut caught on Quero bank. The craft was out four weeks and reports lots of windy weather and fishing periods scarce.

The Yarmouth steamer brought a shipment of 217 crates of live lobsters.

Prices ruled low this morning on groundfish.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Str. Brookline, 39,000 haddock, 68,000 cod, 14,000 mixed fish.

Str. Maine, 45,000 haddock, 26,000 cod, 14,000 mixed fish.

Str. Holy Cross, 20,000 haddock, 75,000 cod, 1000 mixed fish.

Str. William J. O'Brien, 40,000 haddock, 51,000 cod, 13,000 mixed fish.

Str. Spray, 70,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 22,000 mixed fish.

Str. Ripple, 66,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 16,000 mixed fish.

Str. Trimount, 46,000 haddock, 32,000 cod, 13,000 mixed fish.

Vagabond, 3000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 15,000 mixed fish.

Imperator, 28,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 2500 mixed fish.

Lark, 32,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 16,000 mixed fish.

Serafina II., 6400 mixed fish.

Jackson and Arthur, 5600 mixed fish.

Salvatore, 2100 mixed fish.

Joseph D'Ambrosio, 2400 mixed fish.

Flore and Marino, 3300 mixed fish.

Roma, 3000 mixed fish.

Rose and Lucy, 5700 mixed fish.

Santina, 1600 mixed fish.

LaPaloma, 4100 mixed fish.

St. Joseph, 1200 mixed fish.

Josephine, 2300 mixed fish.

Arrived Yesterday.

Pollyanna, 25,000 halibut.

Haddock, \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod,

\$1.50; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2; hake,

\$2 to \$3; pollock, \$2 to \$4; cusk, \$1

to \$2; gray sole, 4 cents per pound;

lemon sole, 3 1-2 cents; black backs, 4

cents; yellow tails, 11-2 cents; dabs,

11-2 cents; sharks, 4 cents; catfish,

11-2 cents.

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ONE SMALL FARE ONLY ARRIVAL

**DRAGGER POCOMO, BACK FROM
MAINE, HAS 5000 POUNDS
OF FISH.**

One arrival of fresh fish was reported this morning, the dragger Pocomo, which has been fishing off of the Maine coast, arriving home during the night with 5000 pounds of mixed fish, which sold to William B. McDonald. The only other fish landed here since yesterday came from a fleet of nine gill netters, with fares ranging from 400 pounds up to 2400 pounds, totalling 8700 pounds. Most of the fleet is remaining in port today, but tomorrow will see an empty harbor, for about everyone plans to sail this evening or early tomorrow.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Pocomo, dragging, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Pollyanna, via Boston.

Imperator, via Boston.

Serafina II., via Boston.

Rose and Lucy, via Boston.

Doris M. Hawes, via Boston.

Jackson and Arthur, dragging.

Florence and John, trawling.

Gertrude E., trawling.

Sally Joseph, trawling.

Helen L., trawling.

Gertrude E., trawling.

Babe Sears, dragging.

Olivia Brown, dragging.

Evelina M. Goulart, dragging.

Alpar, trawling.

Marjorie Parker, shore.

Ethel B. Penny, shore.

Stepped New Spar.

The schooner Ruth and Margaret, dismantled recently off of the Nova Scotian coast, has had a new foremast stepped, the work being completed yesterday afternoon. When the dragger sails again she will be "flat roofed" forward, and "poise sparred" aft.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Lucretia, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Phyllis, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Enterprise, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Edna Fae, 2400 lbs. fresh fish.

Joanna, 700 lbs. fresh fish.

Alicia, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Nashawena, 900 lbs. fresh fish.

Liboria C., 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

Agnes and Myrnie, 400 lbs. fresh fish.

Portland Arrivals.

Eleven vessels returned to Portland yesterday with 54,500 pounds of fish. The largest catch was landed by the New Dawn, Capt. Levi Eastman, 10,000 pounds. The others were the Alice M. Doughty and the Benjamin Thompson, 8000 pounds each; the Fannie Belle, 6000 pounds; the Bernie and Bessie, 5000 pounds; the Georgie Bowden, 4000 pounds; the St. Michale, the Elva and the Nancy, 3000 pounds each; the Gloucester dragger, Fannie Hickey, 2500 pounds, and the Eleanor, 2000 pounds.

Landed Sturgeon.

A 150-pound sturgeon swimming in a school of haddock out on Georges, was swept up on the otter trawl of the steamer Spray, and landed at Boston yesterday. The fish put up a hard struggle for its size, but was finally subdued.

BOSTON SUPPLY IS STILL LARGE

**FLEET OF 15 VESSELS BRINGS IN
ALMOST 8,000,000 POUNDS
THIS MORNING.**

Dealers had plenty of fish available again this morning at the Boston fish pier. At the opening there were 15 vessels in the dock with fares aggregating 622,000 pounds of groundfish and 140,000 pounds of mixed fish. Codfish was a little higher than yesterday. Haddock sold for \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Miscellaneous receipts yesterday afternoon included 1378 boxes of frozen smelts from New Brunswick and a large supply of frozen fish in cases and bags from North Truro.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Str. Dartmouth, 27,000 haddock, 32,000 cod, 23,000 mixed fish.

Str. Boston College, 49,000 haddock,

80,000 cod, 5200 mixed fish.

Str. Cormorant, 38,000 haddock, 27,000 cod, 17,000 mixed fish.

Str. Breeze, 100,000 haddock, 27,000 cod, 24,000 mixed fish.

Str. Wave, 95,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 20,000 mixed fish.

Geraldine and Phyllis, 26,000 haddock, 5500 cod.

Rainbow, 22,000 mixed fish.

Gov. Al Smith, 3600 haddock, 11,000 cod, 4000 mixed fish.

Yankee, 15,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 6000 mixed fish.

William L. Putnam, 40,000 haddock,

24,000 cod, 1000 mixed fish.

William S., 5200 mixed fish.

San Antonio, 5000 mixed fish.

Francesco, 1200 mixed fish.

Josephine F., 3100 mixed fish.

Mary Grace, 2100 mixed fish.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.;

large cod, \$2; market cod, \$2.25; hake,

\$2.50; pollock, \$2 to \$3; gray sole, 5

cents per pound; lemon sole, 3.70

cents; black backs, 3 cents; yellow

tails, 13-4 cents; spawn, 6 cents; red-

fish, \$2 per barrel; catfish, 2 cents

per pound.

Nova Scotia Notes.

Fish landings in Nova Scotia for January, totalled 6,805,800 pounds, having a landed value of \$183,862, as compared with 9,250,700 pounds having a landed value of \$212,319 for January, 1932. These figures show a decrease in the catch of 2,444,900 pounds and \$28,547 in the landed value, which is said to be largely due to the heavy falling off in the cod and haddock catches. In order of value the chief varieties taken were lobsters, haddock, cod, scallops and smelts. The scallop catch is reported more than double of that for January last year. A decrease is shown in the smelt. Lobster catch was 464,300 pounds, having a landed value of \$94,872 as compared with a catch of 427,700 pounds, having a landed value of \$67,975 for the same period last year. Increases are shown both in the eastern and western sections of the mainland.

Bringing about 100,000 pounds of fish, the trawler Lemberg arrived at Halifax, N. S., on Monday, from the banks and docked at the National Fish Company's wharf.—Halifax Herald.